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TUCSON MAN INDICTED FOR POSSESSING 1901 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on May 7, 2003, a federal grand jury at Tucson, Arizona, returned a one count indictment against Damien Hansen Perez, date of birth 1/11/60, of Marana, Arizona.

The indictment alleges that on April 14, 2003, Mr. Perez knowingly possessed 1901 pounds of marijuana in a vehicle he was driving. Mr. Perez has been detained in custody without bond.

The federal indictment charges the defendant with violating Title 21 of the United States Code, Section 841 (a)(1).

A conviction for this crime carries a maximum penalty of 40 year(s), a \$250,000.00 fine or both.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by the United states Border Patrol.

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The prosecution is being handled by Michael W. Kemp, Assistant United States Attorney, District
of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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